Loss suffered by BCCL

2638. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Coking Coal Limited suffered a loss of Rs. 322.8 crores in 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the financial results for 1997-98 and the first half of 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir. The loss suffered by Bharat Coking Coal Limited during 1996-97 was Rs. 322.81 crores.

(b) The loss suffered by Bharat Coking Coal Limited for the financial year 1997-98 is Rs. 140.91 crores and the loss sustained for the first half of 1998-99 (April-September' 98) is Rs. 227.03 crores (provisional and unaudited).

Anti-dumping duty on low ash metallurgical coke imported from China

2639. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed anti-dumping duty on low ash metallurgical coke imported from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had initially imposed Rs. 1800 as anti-dumping duty on the LAM-coke imported from China; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether subsequently this duty was drastically reduced; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the anti-dumping duty in the terms of "minimum landed cost" has encouraged over invoicing of imports and thereby draining of precious foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, the Government on recommendation of the Deginated Authority after preliminary enquiry has imposed provisional anti dumping duty on metallurgical coke imported from China @ Rs. 1800/- per metric tonne. Subsequently, after hearing the concerned parties and considering their submissions, the Deginated Authority recommended for imposition of anti-dumping duty based on difference between Rs. 4763/- per metric tonne and landed value of imported met-coke subject to a minimum of Rs. 692/- per metric tonne. The definitive duties have been imposed by the Ministry of Finance accordingly but without the minimum duties.

(e) Since, import of met-coke is under OGL Ministry of Coal is not monitoring its import. However, no instance of over invoicing of such imports and thereby draining of precious foreign exchange has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

Appointments in MCL

2640. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts fell vacant and appointments made against these posts during the last three years in the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited; (MCL);

(b) the details of vacancies filled up, new posts created and candidates recruited in the coalmines as well as offices of MCL in various categories;

(c) the policy followed in recruiting candidates against each post; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Against 656 posts that fell vacant during the last three years in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, Coal India Ltd. sanctioned recruitment to 494 posts. Against this sanction, 474 posts have so far been filled up.

(c) and (d) The details for recruitment to the various posts and the policy adopted by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited in this regard are as under:—